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National Thermal Power Corporation	5%
National Hydro-electric Power Corporation	5%*
Neyveli Lignite Corporation	5%
Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.	10%

The surcharge is intended to specifically meet a portion of the capital expenditure to be incurred by the utility for the purpose of addition of capacity. This is not available for capital expenditure relating to R&M or for replacement of existing capacity. This shall be available only for investment in the business of the electricity supply undertaking for addition of capacity. Operations exclusively within a State shall not be liable for this surcharge. The CERC had invited reactions from beneficiary States before pronouncing its order.

**Payments to the Suppliers of energy meters in Manipur**

1901. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 172 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th March, 2001 and state:

(a) whether pending payments to the suppliers of energy meters against Loan assistance provided by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) has since been released as promised;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken by REC against Electricity Department of Manipur Government for not clearing the pending payments by 31st March, 2001; and

(d) by when the balance payments due to SSI manufactures will be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) It has been reported by the Power Department, Government of Manipur that an amount of Rs. 25.00 lakhs has been released during July, 2001.

(d) Electricity Department, Government of Manipur has further stated that the balance payment to SSI Manufacturers will be released as and when adequate funds are available.